

## National Police Week, May 14-20, 2023

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Valdez Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the residents and visitors of the City of Valdez; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Valdez Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service.

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council calls upon all citizens of the City of Valdez and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe National Police Week in the City of Valdez with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Scheidt, Mayor of the City of Valdez do hereby proclaim the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Police Week and call upon all citizens of the City of Valdez to observe the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk